

BRIDGE ACROSS PEARL RIVER, GEORGETOWN, MISS.

JANUARY 7, 1925.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. HUDDLESTON, from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 9825]

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 9825) granting the consent of Congress to the Great Southern Lumber Co., a corporation of the State of Pennsylvania, doing business in the State of Mississippi, to construct a railroad bridge across the Pearl River at approximately 1½ miles north of Georgetown, in the State of Mississippi, having considered the same, report thereon with amendment and as so amended recommend that it pass.

The bill as amended has the approval of the War and Agriculture Departments, as will appear by the letters attached and which are made a part of this report.

Amend the bill as follows:

Line 3, page 1, after "That the," strike out the rest of the line and insert in lieu thereof, "times for commencing and completing the."

Line 4, page 1, strike out the line and insert in lieu thereof "construction of a bridge authorized by act of Congress."

Line 5, page 1, strike out the line and insert in lieu thereof "approved January 31, 1923, to be built by the Great."

Line 6, page 1, strike out the line and insert in lieu thereof "Southern Lumber Co. across the Pearl River."

Line 7, page 1, strike out the line.

Line 8, page 1, strike out everything in the line down to and including "navigation," and insert in lieu thereof "at."

Line 1, page 2, after "Mississippi," strike out the balance of the line and insert in lieu thereof "are hereby extended one and three."

Line 2, page 2, strike out the line and insert in lieu thereof "years, respectively, from the date of approval hereof."

Line 3, page 2, strike out the line.

Line 4, page 2, strike out the line.

Amend the title so as to read:

To extend the time for the construction of a bridge across Pearl River at approximately one and one-half miles north of Georgetown, in the State of Mississippi.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *December 9, 1924.*

Respectfully returned to the chairman Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, House of Representatives.

The accompanying bill, H. R. 9825, Sixty-eighth Congress, second session, "Granting the consent of Congress to the Great Southern Lumber Co., a corporation of the State of Pennsylvania, doing business in the State of Mississippi, to construct a railroad bridge across Pearl River at approximately 1½ miles north of Georgetown, in the State of Mississippi," is in the usual form adopted by Congress for such measures. It is understood, however, that the bridge referred to in this bill is the same as that authorized by the act of Congress approved January 31, 1923, Public No. 399, Sixty-seventh Congress. The time for commencing the construction of the bridge, as implied by section 6 of the general bridge act of March 23, 1906, expired January 31, 1924. For the purposes of identification of authorities and simplification of record, it is preferable to extend the time limits of the existing act rather than to enact another bill authorizing the same bridge.

The bill herewith has been amended accordingly, and as thus amended I know of no objection to its favorable consideration.

JOHN W. WEEKS,
Secretary of War.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
Washington, December 10, 1924.

Hon. SAMUEL E. WINSLOW,
*Chairman Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce,
House of Representatives.*

DEAR MR. WINSLOW: Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 2 inclosing a copy of H. R. 9825 for report thereon and for such views relative thereto as the department might desire to communicate.

This bill (H. R. 9825) would authorize the Great Southern Lumber Co., a corporation of the State of Pennsylvania doing business in the State of Mississippi, its successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a railroad bridge and approaches thereto across the Pearl River about 1½ miles north of Georgetown, Miss. There is no crossing of the Pearl River embraced in the system of Federal aid highways approved for Mississippi in the vicinity of the crossing to be made by the proposed bridge about 1½ miles north of Georgetown. Furthermore, the bill pertains to the construction of a railroad bridge. This department, therefore, can see no objection to it.

Sincerely,

C. F. MARVIN, *Acting Secretary.*